

H.R. 1839– Retired Executives Building Better Businesses Act of 2009

Section 1. Expansion of Volunteer Representation and Benchmark Reports

This section requires SCORE administrators to actively recruit and maintain volunteer mentors in order to increasingly reflect socially- and economically-disadvantaged sectors of the population, while reporting on the status of this effort to the SBA every year. In addition, SCORE administrators are required to establish benchmarks reviewed by the SBA regarding service delivery, such as the success of assisted entrepreneurs.

Section 2. Mentoring and Networking

The Administrator shall ensure that SCORE program establishes a mentoring program and a networking program for small business concerns. The mentoring program through SCORE shall provide one-on-one advice to small business concerns from qualified counselors. Qualified counselors are those that have at least ten years experience in the industry sector or the area of responsibility of the small business concern seeking advice.

The Administrator shall also ensure that the SCORE program carryout a networking program that provides small business concerns with the opportunity to make business contacts in their industry or geographic region.

Section 3. Name of Program Changed to SCORE

The Small Business Act is updated by deleting inclusion of the “Active Corps of Executive” (ACE) program in the SCORE statute, due to the defunct nature of this entity since 1995. In addition, this change specifies that from the date of enactment forward the program shall be known as SCORE.

Section 4. Authorization

The SCORE program is authorized in Section 20 of the Small Business Act for (\$7 million per year for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.